

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for careful consideration of the application.

No claims have been allowed by the Examiner.

On page 2 of the Office Communication Examiner has rejected claims 19-32 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,386,396B1.

Examiner asserts that although claims 19-32 are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-14 of Patent No. 6.386,396 encompass all the limitations of the above noted claims.

In response, Applicant is enclosing a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection based upon obviousness-type double patenting grounds disclaiming the terminal part of any patent issued for the above-captioned application extending beyond the statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,386,396 commonly owned by the assignee of the present invention. With this terminal disclaimer, Applicant believes claims 19-32 to be allowable. Applicant notes that the present Application is a continuation from the application which has matured into the '396 patent.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicant believes the present Application to be in a condition suitable for allowance. Examiner is respectfully urged to withdraw the rejections, reconsider the present Application in light of the foregoing Amendment, and pass the amended Application to allowance.

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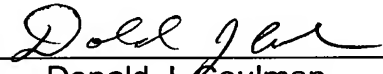
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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' representative at (541) 715-1694 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the Application in condition for allowance.

Favorable action by the Examiner is solicited.

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